



**CORRECTIONS MEDICINE**  
**Infirmiry Care**  
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide health care for patients requiring more intensive and continuous monitoring of a medical or mental health condition.
  
- II. **POLICY:** An infirmiry in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center shall be available for patients who present with a medical or mental health illness that requires close monitoring. The infirmiry is staffed by Corrections Medicine personnel and patients shall receive care seven (7) days a week 24 hours a day.
  
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff members working for Corrections Medicine are responsible for the content of and adherence to this policy and procedure.
  
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
  - 1. Patients requiring inpatient level care or intensive health monitoring will be housed in the infirmiry. Patients requiring medical or mental health services beyond the capacity of the Corrections Medicine program will be referred to a local hospital for care.
  
  - 2. Patients can be assigned to the infirmiry by the medical or mental health providers, medical/mental health staff, and Department of Justice Services (DJS) staff. The medical provider or mental health provider will treat patients admitted to the infirmiry according to the Infirmiry Levels of Care Policy (*CM-51.1*). Providers will determine if a patient requires continued infirmiry care or can be released. Patients housed in the infirmiry may only be transferred out of the infirmiry by a medical or mental health provider through a written or verbal order.
  
  - 3. Providers are on call and available for consultation 24 hours a day.
  
  - 4. Patients are assessed by nursing staff upon arrival to the infirmiry. Nurses make frequent rounds in the infirmiry and completes an assessment on every shift.
  
  - 5. The nurse shall consult with the medical or mental health provider during infirmiry rounds, and deliver treatment as ordered. Any significant change in a medical condition shall be reported to the provider.
  
  - 6. Nursing staff shall give a report on each patient to the oncoming nurse at each shift change. Information regarding the patient’s history, the reason the patient is in the infirmiry, any changes in medical condition, change in orders, and observations from nursing assessments are communicated to the oncoming nurse.